

THE NEHHPA NEWSLETTER



Vintage Spring Scene, Huntington Avenue Circa 1950

Dreams and Realities

Before you moved into what is now called “The North End - Huntington Heights Historic District”, you probably asked yourself “Why?”. Why choose this area over another? The reason(s) for moving here are as varied as the individuals living here. Once here, however, the question, if asked, changes from why to how. How can I make my house more livable or how do I fix whatever needs fixing and so and on. If you have joined NEHHPA, you may have even thought about how the whole district might be improved.

Perhaps there is a crumbling curb or sidewalk that needs repair. Maybe there is a dead tree which needs replacing in the parkway. If you think a little more expansively, maybe more historically appropriate street lighting or street signs would be a great improvement. Burying utility lines would also expand the landscaping possibilities. Again the list of possible improvements can go on and on. That is until those dreams of possibilities are met with the reality that our area is bounded by the Shipyard and its parking lots and the railroad tracks.

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Calendar

- June 4, 2011**
NEHHPA Yard Sale
- June 14, 2011**
NEHHPA Board Meeting
- July 12, 2011**
NEHHPA Board Meeting
- August 9, 2011**
NEHHPA Board Meeting
- September 10, 2011**
NEHHPA Summer Social

**North
End
Huntington
Heights
Preservation
Association**

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NEHHPA Yard Sale

by Carolyn Hughes

When John and I were thinking about moving into the North End to be near the shipyard and for a better commute to the Southside for me, I came to one estate sale and one neighborhood yard sale to check out the houses and the people. I found beautiful houses and friendly people. I remember taking to Pam Austin about the Victorian furniture that was modernized in the 1920's. Our first year here, in 1995, friends from Denbigh joined us and the young ladies loved my friend's early 1970's skorts or whatever they were. I met many neighbors who are now friends and we divested ourselves of the Ninja Turtles.

Over the years the number of participants has dwindled partly due to the fact that *The Antique Roadshow* has ended the days of heirs selling the belongings of their elders for a song. Many people remark that the quality of the goods is not there anymore, but I still have been able to find just the thing I needed for a project. Remember one woman's trash is another woman's treasure.

The women's barbershop quartet group will be singing as they have a sale to raise money for their costumes, music and travel at the home of the Zattieros at 5601 Huntington Avenue.

At Noland, several Newport News Kiwanis clubs, whose projects aid children, will be holding a sale that will include blank and finished ceramics, decorative items from a resale shop, grade school boy's clothes and men's shirts, M-XL. If you do not have enough to hold your own sale and would like to donate to these groups, please call Betty Z @ 245-2807 and to donate to Kiwanis, Carolyn Hughes @ 247-0553. The leftovers at these sales will be taken to Youth Challenge Thrift Shop so call the Hughes if you want the remains to be picked up for there.

You may want to contact your favorite charity to pick up the leftovers, but you need to **call now** to schedule for that day: CHKD—622-5437, Disabled American Vets—877-0999, Salvation Army—499-0032

THE NORTH END HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The mission statement for the North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association is to preserve the historic residential character of North End Huntington Heights through advocacy, communication, and education.

Dreams and Realities

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In addition, with the twin lines of Huntington Avenue on the west and Warwick Boulevard on the east, one might think that most of us in this neighborhood are living in a giant median strip. When you add the fact that funding is not, if it ever was, readily available for any of the aforementioned projects, you might think that any of those dreams would be crushed under the weight of those harsh realities, but that is only possible when you try to move your dreams into the realm of reality and if one plans properly, dreams can be made into reality.

The process of moving from dream to reality can take many paths, but in our district, it has certainly helped to have NEHHPA available to enable some of those dreams to become reality. Having an organization speak on behalf of a proposal usually carries more weight than an individual would have. Many areas of Newport News have nobody to speak on their behalf and thus their needs are often overlooked. By working together as a group, those who are members of NEHHPA can work with various city departments to stay informed as to city plans that may have an impact our district

and to push for those things that would otherwise be the stuff of dreams. Most projects affecting our district are planned well in advance. If we want to be a part of the process, we need to get in the game early enough to make a difference.

The most important element of preservation for any historic district is the preservation of the district itself. To do that effectively, NEHHPA needs to develop a coherent plan and to compare it to other entities' (government, shipyard, etc.) plans. The organization also needs to cultivate contacts with the City government and the shipyard, both for information and possible influence. NEHHPA can only accomplish these goals by having an enthusiastic and abundant membership with clearly articulated goals.

Unfulfilled dreams make for poor realities. While you may get temporary satisfaction by putting a city official on the spot about something that has already happened, real satisfaction comes from being an active participant in the process before something happens. NEHHPA cannot be a strong participant in any governmental process without having a strong membership and contacts. Thus NEHHPA needs members and, even more, members who participate. Join NEHHPA and make your dreams for our district a reality.



Mark Your Calendars
North End Huntington Heights
Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, June 4, 2011
(Rain Date June 11)

Visit the Sweet Adeline's sale, 5601 Huntington Avenue
and the Kiwanis Benefit sale at Noland United Methodist Church

All Participants must be NEHHPA members. Application for membership is on the back of this newsletter. This event is one of NEHHPA's fundraisers and we appreciate your membership and participation in the yard sale. **Yard Sale applications are still being accepted.** If you wish to participate, or have any questions, contact Carolyn Hughes at 247-553

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Neighborhood Updates

Storm Sewer Work on Warwick Scheduled to End in July

According to Newport News City officials, the storm sewer repairs being done on Warwick Boulevard should be completed by mid summer. Following the completion of the repair work, the pavement on Warwick Avenue is then scheduled to be scraped and replaced from 50th to 69th Streets.

Areva Building Shelved

The Associated Press reported on May 9, 2011 that the Areva building planned to be erected in the Shipyard North Yard parking lot has been shelved for an indefinite period time. Although all building pilings have been driven, further construction has been stopped. The postponement is due to the expected slowdown in the licensing and construction of new commercial nuclear power plants following the incident at Fukushima.

Warwick Boulevard Plantings

Considering past concerns expressed by NEHHPA of the importance of this landscaping and in conjunction with the other projects along the Warwick Avenue corridor, the Newport News Parks department will continue to replace dead greenery along the east side of Warwick Avenue throughout the upcoming months. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative in these efforts than it was last year.

Block Captains

47th - 50th Vacant
 51st - Gene Nicholson - 340 51st
 52nd - Vacant
 53rd - Vacant
 West Hunt 51-54 Linda Bordeaux 226 52nd
 54th - Bonnie Snead - 342 54th
 55th - Phil Shook 310 55th
 56th - Betty Zattiero 5601 Huntington
 57th - Virginia Gall 338 57th
 58th - Pat Ward 315 58th
 59th - Karen Velkey 6702 Huntington
 60th - John Hughes 335 60th
 61st - Glenn Norcutt 340 61st
 62nd - Brenda Robbins 330 62nd
 63rd - Matt Gardner 6300 Huntington
 64th - Bea Dahlen 6306 Huntington
 65th - Billie Leggette 6408 Huntington
 66th - George Silk 6512 Huntington
 67th - Agnes Kump 314 67th
 68th - James Wells - 6702 Huntington
 69th, Warwick - Vacant
 70th - Vacant
 71st, 72nd, 73rd - Steve Hudak 319 71st
 Belvedere and River Rd - Vacant

Summer Social

The Summer Social is planned for September 10, 2011. Last year's summer social was a hot event in more ways than one. While almost everyone would probably prefer weather a bit cooler than it was last year, we hope that this year's NEHHPA summer social is an even hotter event. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Historic Marker to be Erected

The Newport News Commemorative Advisory Commission met on April 29th and voted to approve a historic marker commemorating the neighborhoods of the Historic North End and Huntington Heights. The marker is to be erected across from Trinity Lutheran Church along the west side of Huntington Avenue south of the intersection with River Road and the shipyard north yard parking lot entrance. A dedication ceremony is planned after the installation of the marker.

The marker is inscribed with the following:

HISTORIC NORTH END AND HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS

The first expansion to the City of Newport News was the North End, extending from the James River to Warwick (formerly Virginia) Avenue from 50th to 58th Streets in 1900. In 1920, the City boundary was extended to 64th Street. Immediately north of the North End is Huntington Heights, extending from 65th to 72nd Street, which was developed in former Warwick County.

Developed primarily between 1900 and 1935, prominent influential citizens, including executives, professionals, merchants, tradesmen, and laborers, established a neighborhood of impressive and functional homes. It remains a well-preserved neighborhood featuring an eclectic mix of architectural styles including Beaux Arts, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Tudor, Bungalow, Four Square and Craftsman.

The neighborhood was declared a Historic District by the National Historic Register of Historic Places and The Virginia Department of Historic Resources in 1986. The neighborhood was declared a Historic District by the City of Newport News in October 1999.

North End-Huntington Heights Preservation Association

NEHHPA, P.O. Box 75, Newport News, VA 23607

Application for membership

Please complete this form and mail with your check (payable to NEHHPA) to the address listed above.

Please circle the category of membership below for which you are applying.

Resident Member: To be eligible, you must reside in the area from 46th Street to 70th, bounded by Huntington and Warwick, and 70th to 73rd, from Warwick to the James River.

Associate Member: This category applies to all who live outside the area described above. Associates have all rights of membership excluding the right to vote and hold office.

The cost is **\$20 per year** per household and is good February of the current year until February of the following year. Lifetime membership is also available for \$150 per household.

Number of years ____ X \$20 = Total \$_____ or purchase a Lifetime Membership for \$150

Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Member #2: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address _____

Emergency contact _____ (in case something happens while you're out of town)

Please circle below any committees with which you might be willing to assist.

Block Captain	Membership	Homes Tour	Newsletter
Preservation Forum	Web Site	Beautification	City/Shipyard Liaison
Codes & Zoning	Welcoming	Advertising Sales	Merchandise Sales
Yard Sale	Special Events	Safety	Historical

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